about 40 per cent of whom are reported to be bonded labour;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the child-labour and their conditions of work; if so, when it was last conducted and what was the result thereof; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to liberate the bonded child labour and to improve their conditions of work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The State Government of UP has reported that there are complaints against the employment of child labour and their exploitation in carpet industry. The bonded labour system has been abolished under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 the implementation of which is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. Whenever existence of bonded labour comes to notice, the concerned State Government is requested to take immediate appropriate action to liberate them. To supplement the efforts of the State Government in rehabilitation of the bonded labour, the Ministry of Labour is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme whereby financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 6250 is provided to each bonded labour.

Employment of children below 14 years of age in carpet weaving is banned under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. Labour enforcement machinery conducts inspections and prosecutes offenders whenever cases of violation are detected.

Under the National Child Labour Policy, in the Varans) Mirzapur area, education and other facilities are heing provided in 20 special schools for 1000 children removed from employment in carpet industry.

No comprehensive survey has been undertaken of the child labour and their conditions of work.

Employees' participation in management

2386. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what steps have been taken so far to ensure Employees' participation in management in Central Public sector undertakings and enterprises since the enunciation of policy in December, 1983;

(b) to what extent employees are represented in the Management board and what percentage of the enterprises have already been covered by the participation scheme; and

(c) whether such participation is secured in respect of all management affairs and if not what type of policy or other matters are beyond such participation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) A scheme of Employees' Participation in Management was notified by the Central Government on 30th December, 1983. It is applicable to all Central Public Sector undertakings except those which are specifically exempted. The scheme provides for employees' participation at the shop floor and plant levels.. As regards participation at the Board level, the administrative Ministry/Department concerned (inchargfe of the undertaking) can take a decision in consultation with Ministry of Labour.

The participting arrangements cover matters relating to the production at the shop floor level operational areas at plant level, personnel matters and environmental areas.

The Workers Participation in Management Bill 1990 which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha is pending consideration of the Parliament.

Electricity Generation from Solar Energy

2387. SHRI SHIBCHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-.